

"BOOZE IT & LOSE IT" YIELDS 813 DWI ARRESTS IN FIFTH WEEK **Checkpoints and Patrols Dec. 12-18 Lead to 111 Fugitives Arrested, 47 Stolen** **Vehicles Recovered1**

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RALEIGH - Eight hundred and thirteen drivers were arrested for driving while impaired in the fifth week of the winter "Booze It & Lose It" initiative, bringing the campaign total to 4,393 DWI arrests since the campaign began on Nov. 17. Officers also arrested 111 fugitives from justice and recovered 47 stolen vehicles.

"Thanks to the hard work of our law enforcement officers across the state almost 4,400 impaired drivers were removed from our roadways," said Darrell Jernigan, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program. "Their continuing efforts are helping to make our highways safer this holiday."

Nearly, 2,000 checkpoints and stepped-up patrols were conducted statewide between Dec. 12-18. DWI arrests made against drivers under 21 totaled 131. Counties with the highest number of DWI citations include Wake with 99 and Onslow with 57.

In addition to cracking down on impaired drivers, officers last week issued 2,073 safety belt and 313 child passenger safety violations. Among the 27,586 total traffic and criminal citations reported were 9,300 speeding violations and 480 drug charges.

"Booze It & Lose It" Statewide Totals

	DWI	Occupant Protection		Traffic Violations		Criminal Violations		Totals	Other Offenses*	
Total Checkpoints and Patrols	Driving While Impaired Violations	Seat Belt Violations	Child Passenger Safety Violations	Speeding	Total Traffic Violations	Drug Violations	Total Criminal Violations	Total Traffic & Criminal Violations	Stolen Vehicles Recovered	Fugitives Arrested
1,250 (Nov. 18-20)	586	1,378	222	5,574	13,314	324	742	16,242	25	8
2,385 (Nov. 21-27)	955	2,338	404	13,304	28,419	571	1,565	33,681	40	16
2,347 (Nov. 28-Dec. 4)	1,053	2,045	412	10,202	26,967	618	1,889	32,366	62	13
2,255 (Dec. 5-11)	986	2,399	341	9,764	25,548	682	1,773	31,047	27	45
1,926 (Dec. 12-18)	813	2,073	313	9,300	22,826	480	1,561	27,586	47	111

*These columns are not counted into overall total of violations.
Data compiled by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

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